

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

00:00:00

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on March 15, 2005 at  
3:15 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary, Audio Technician

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 377, 3/3/2005; HB 275, 3/3/2005;  
HB 451, 3/3/2005; SB 507, 3/3/2005  
Executive Action: HB 377, HB 275

HEARING ON HB 377

00:01:18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 377, Enforce license plate violations by nonresidents working in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:07 Paul Grimstad, Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol  
00:03:42 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:04:32

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:59

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 275

00:12:09

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 275, Revise affidavit and bond for certificate of title for motor vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:06 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Montana Motor Vehicle  
Department  
00:17:28 Riley Johnson, CNA Western Assurity Company  
00:19:32 Roger McGlenn, Executive Director, Independent  
Insurance Agents of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:20:55

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON HB 451

00:21:58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JON SONJU (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 451, Allow local government to issue Garvee bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:54 John Blacker, Administrator of Maintenance,  
Department of Transportation (MDOT)

00:28:18 Joe Mazurek, on behalf of the City of Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:30:16

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:07 SEN. WEINBERG and SEN. SMITH for Sandy Strahul,  
Transportation Planning Administrator

00:39:12

Closing by Sponsor:

HEARING ON SB 507

00:40:10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 507,  
Revise motor vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:19 Brenda Nordland, Department of Justice; Attorney  
for Motor Vehicle Division

00:49:26 Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice

00:52:51 Mike Tooley, Deputy Chief, MHP

00:54:35 Dwight Wade, President, Montana Street Rod Association

**EXHIBIT**(his57a01)

00:55:54 Marvin Dye, on behalf of self  
00:58:14 Don Brocopp, on behalf of self  
00:59:07 Ron Grant, on behalf of self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:59:42 Spook Stang, Executive Director, Montana Motor  
Carriers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:02:25

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:09 SEN. BLACK for Mike Batista, Administrator

01:27:12

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377**

01:29:54

**Motion:** SEN. SMITH moved that HB 377 BE CONCURRED IN.

**EXHIBIT**(his57a02)

01:32:10

**Motion:** SEN. KITZENBERG moved AMENDMENTS to HB 377.

**Discussion:**

01:33:21

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. KITZENBERG moved that HB 377 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG and SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, and SEN. KITZENBERG voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275**

01:34:45

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. SMITH moved that HB 275 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. WEINBERG and SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, and SEN. KITZENBERG voted by proxy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:55 P.M.

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SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his57aad0.TIF](#))**